

FIFTIETH YEAR.
MORE THAN FIFTY
LIVES ARE LOSTList of Casualties in the Texas
Floods is Piling Up.

RAGING WATERS INCREASE.

See People Preparing to Flee from
Their Homes—Situation is Grave—
Wires Down and Traffic Stopped.

[Afternoon Dispatches.]

Austin, Texas, April 9.—Reports today from Bastrop, Fayette and Wharton counties on the Colorado river below here, are to the effect that the full force of the flood is just being felt there. The water is rising so rapidly that the people are preparing to desert their homes with all possible speed to protect their lives.

Reports have been received from Bastrop that twelve people were drowned there during the night.

In Wharton and Fayette counties the situation is even more grave and it is expected today's flood in that section will not only pile up an immense property loss but the list of lives lost will be considerable.

Dallas, Tex., April 9.—Reports received at Dallas today from the flood sections show conclusively that more than fifty lives have been lost including those at Austin. Many of the localities where lives were lost are off the railroad and telegraphic lines.

Most of them are in the Colorado valley, south of Austin and Bastrop. At some it was reported from La Grande that the river is still rising and menacing more country districts. The stream is now four feet higher than during the great flood of last year.

Bastrop is entirely surrounded by water and cut off. The property damage is enormous.

The wires in the southern section are in a worse condition than ever before. All wires along the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad south of Temple were cut today. Railroad traffic in the southern half of the State is abandoned and all routes to California are gone because of the washouts on the western division of the Texas and Pacific.

E. H. R. Green, of the Harpoon club, has received telegrams from Rockport of heavy damage to city property on St. Joseph island by a severe storm in Matagorda bay, along Matagorda peninsula and Matagorda island. A number of small vessels were wrecked and the lives are believed to have been lost.

Trinity river at Dallas continues to rise and is nearly a mile wide here. Considerable loss has been reported. No casualties have been reported.

Water-Water flooding slowly in the Delta, but the weather is threatening. The flood in the Colorado is reaching here and still going up. The lowlands are flooded and property damage is being done.

La Grande.—The river took a sudden and surprising jump at noon and has risen seven feet in the last hour and is now at a stage of 110 feet.

The river now shows nearly a fifty-foot rise, eleven feet higher than in 1899.

Heavy Snow in Montana.

Bozeman, April 9.—Snow has been falling for the past forty hours and there are nearly two feet on the level. The storm is heaviest in twelve months. The telegraph lines are down and the benefit will be great.

SHOOTING OF CAPT. OSTHEIM.

Coroner's Jury Decide That It Was
Accidental.

Chicago, April 9.—A verdict of death by an accidental wound was decided today by the coroner's jury in the case of Captain Louis Ostheim, of the First United States artillery, who was found dead last night in his apartment at the Auditorium annex. At first it was believed the death of Captain Ostheim was a premeditated suicide, but no motive has been found for such an act. Captain Ostheim was to have been married today to Mrs. Eva Bruce-Woods, and procured a license Saturday. Captain Ostheim, it is said, had been in the health since his return from the Philippines, and had suffered considerably from rheumatism.

The revolver with which Capt. Ostheim shot himself had been purchased by him for self protection Saturday, and he carried a large amount of money with him. It is the theory of his friends that the captain awoke Sunday morning in the night and shot himself, not knowing what he was doing.

ABOUT PENSION CLAIMS.

G. A. R.'s Proposition Received with
Favorable Comment.

Washington, April 9.—The committee of the Grand Army of the Republic, consisting of Commander-in-chief A. D. Shaw and Gen. Daniel Sickles, who is endeavoring to secure legislation for the creation of a court of pension appeals, has submitted the proposed measure to some of the most eminent jurists of the country and it has been endorsed by them. The committee also conferred with the President on the subject.

The local authority and others who have examined the bill, said Gen. Shaw today, are of the opinion that the measure, if it becomes a law, will justify itself by securing disinterested and prompt adjudication of pension claims. The proposed court would be composed of men of learning and dignity, and would not, like the present board of pension appeals, be appointed by those persons from whose rulings appeals are taken.

The proposed court would appear to be able to simplify the matter of appeals by simplifying its decisions and could make its recommendations to Congress for further legislation if any were needed.

Gen. Shaw has just returned from a trip through thirteen Southern States. He said he found the old sectional feeling about wiped out.

DEWEY WILL COME
TO CHICAGO.Trip from Washington to be in a
Handsome Train.

RECEPTION NOT POLITICAL.

Celebration Ceremonies to be Succeeded
by a Twelve-day Trip in the
South—Mrs. Dewey's Religion.

[Afternoon Dispatches.]

Washington, April 9.—The Chicago reception committee, consisting of W. B. Conkey and J. M. Glenn, had a final interview with Admiral Dewey today. No mention was made of politics, the admiral's only allusion to the matter being that since he had accepted the invitation to visit Chicago last October, conditions had so changed that he was accepting no further invitations. He assured the committee he was glad to accept the hospitality of the city of Chicago. He told the committee he had received invitations from various organizations there to become their guest, but had not accepted them. He had placed himself solely in the hands of the city of Chicago. He requested that there be no separate entertainment for himself and Mrs. Dewey. He wished matters to be so arranged that he could attend all the functions at which he would be present. The admiral was assured that his wishes in this respect would be carried out, and was also informed that arrangements had been made to have his son, who is now a resident of Chicago, participate in the various entertainments.

The admiral's party, consisting of himself and Mrs. Dewey, Lieut. Caldwell, Mr. Maddy, of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, the Chinese servant and Mrs. Dewey's maid, will leave this city in a special train over the Baltimore and Ohio on April 22, in time to reach Chicago and rest before the ball at the Auditorium, on the night of the 30th, the eve of the second anniversary of Manila bay.

The train will be one of the handsomest ever run over the Baltimore and Ohio tracks. Admiral and Mrs. Dewey will occupy Prest. Cowen's private car. No stops will be made between Washington and Chicago, as the admiral does not wish the trip to have the appearance of a stumping tour.

After leaving here the party will take a twelve-day tour through the Mississippi and Ohio valleys. So far as outlined this will include a stop of one day at Jacksonville, Ill., two days in St. Louis, two in Memphis, two in Nashville, two in Knoxville and one in Chattanooga.

Admiral Dewey was asked today concerning the story in circulation that Mrs. Dewey had left the Catholic church and was to become a communicant at St. John's Episcopal church here. He replied it was a matter he did not wish to discuss; that he did not see that it was a question of national interest whether Mrs. Dewey was a Catholic, a Methodist, or an Episcopalian. It was a matter entirely personal to her.

"Mrs. Dewey is not being interviewed now on any subject."

No date has been fixed for the publication of Admiral Dewey's proposed political statement.

Accused of Goebel's Murder.

Frankfort, Ky., April 9.—Dr. H. B. Phillips, a prominent citizen of Clay County, arrived here today and announced that he had seen Jim Howard, who it has been said, fired the shot that killed Goebel, and had talk with him.

Howard, he says, told him that when a warrant was issued for his arrest he would gladly go with the officers serving it, and would not attempt to resist the law in any way. Howard is in Clay county at his home.

Price of Sugar Raised.

New York, April 9.—All grades of raw
sugar were advanced 1-16c.SALT LAKE COUNTY
VOTE CANVASSED.Board of Commissioners Meet for
that Purpose Today.

EIGHTY-EIGHT DISTRICTS.

Work will, it is thought, be finished
by Tomorrow Evening—Through
With Twenty-one.The board of county commissioners
met today for the purpose of canvassing
the returns of Salt Lake county in
the special congressional election, held
one week ago today. The law requires
that county commissioners throughout
the State shall meet for this purpose
the first Monday after an election. There
are eighty-eight districts in Salt Lake
county, twenty-one of which only had
been canvassed up to a late hour this
afternoon. No discrepancies were
found and the returns thus far can-
vassed will be the same as those al-
ready published.

It is not believed the board will finish its labors until some time tomorrow. After the work is completed County Clerk Dunbar will certify the result to the State canvassing board, composed of Secretary of State Hammond, Attorney General Bishop, Auditor Richards and Treasurer Chipman.

As soon as the returns from all the State are in, the State board will can-
vass each county and report the result
to Governor Wells, who will then issue
the certificate of election.

STORM IS WORTH MILLIONS TO THE WEST.

Precipitation Equal to Fifteen Inches of Snow Has Fallen in Salt Lake Valley—Kane
County Gets Rain for the First Time in Seven Years—Storm Will Break
Tonight—Critical Time for Utah Fruit—Warmer Tomorrow.

"The storm of the last forty-eight hours is worth millions of dollars to the west and hundreds of thousands to Utah," said Bishop W. B. Preston when asked by a "News" representative this afternoon for his opinion as to its value.

This is the view that is taken by a very great number of men from all parts of the State. Of this latter class there were many who thronged the "News" office today asking particulars as to the extent of the rain and snow fall. Scores of them were from the south where there has been so little precipitation the last few years. When assured that much moisture had fallen there the last twenty-four hours, they were exceedingly pleased knowing that it meant so much to them. The fact is makes fair if not good crops a strong probability and luxuriant and succulent grass for the horses, cattle and sheep that roam the ranges there.

At Cedar City sixty-two hundredths of an inch of rain fell yesterday afternoon and last night during

which period Salt Lake received but thirty-two hundredths of an inch. This means that the people of iron county got almost twice as much precipitation in the same length of time as Salt Lake. This same proportion seems to have held good in all of the southern counties except in the eastern tier where the rainfall was doubtless light as Grand Junction, which is just over the Utah Colorado line, got no rain at all.

The storm has been quite general over the west extending from the coast through Nevada, Utah and Colorado. Arizona and New Mexico have been so highly favored, however, as Phoenix and Santa Fe report having received no rain. The total amount of precipitation in Salt Lake since the present storm commenced will now reach very nearly one and a half inches. At 2:30 this afternoon one and thirty-six hundredths of an inch had fallen which would equal about thirteen and six-tenths inches of snow. Measured from this standard not less than fifteen

inches of snow have fallen in Salt Lake valley since the storm commenced. The value of this it would be difficult to compute in dollars and cents.

Inquiry at Logan brings information to the effect that the same weather conditions obtained there as here and the farmers of Cache county are accordingly very jubilant although their joy does not reach that pitch obtained by the farmers and stock raisers of Southern Utah, which appears to have been very generally and generously embraced within the storm area. The report is that there has been a very big downfall of rain in Kane county, where rain has been an entire stranger for the last seven years. The telegraphic report is: "We have had several fine rains here and it is still raining."

During almost the whole of today, the snow fell without interruption, giving the city, valley and mountains a garb whiter and more wintry than they wore at Christmas time. The snow, however, melted rapidly and the prospects are, it will have entirely disappeared

from the lower levels by the time another twenty-four hours have come and gone.

TONIGHT WILL BE CRITICAL.

Observer Murdoch, of the Utah weather bureau was found in his office this afternoon making a critical examination of the records and signs of the delicate meteorological instruments under his direction. These indicated a break in the storm, and at least a partial if not an entire clearing away of the clouds after 6 o'clock this evening. "Tonight," said he, "will be a very critical period for the Utah fruit crop. Last night the temperature fell to thirty degrees below zero. Tonight it is expected to rise to thirty degrees below zero and probably more. If it does it will do great damage. If tonight is passed in safety the probabilities are that the fruit crop will be saved and that an abundant harvest will be gathered, as by tomorrow afternoon the weather will warm up somewhat. Tonight will tell whether Utah will have an abundant fruit crop or not."

St. George, Utah, April 9.—A steady rain fell here Sunday from 8 a. m. till 6 p. m., doing the farmers an immense amount of good.

At night a number of showers since; stockmen are rejoicing.

ARTILLERYMAN
FOUND DEAD.Capt. Ostheim, U. S. A., Was to
Have Been Married Today.

SHOT THROUGH THE HEAD.

Found Last Night—Supposed Case of
Suicide, But No Cause—May be
Accidental—His Wedding.

Chicago, April 9.—Captain Louis Ostheim, first United States artillery, was found dead in his room at the Auditorium Annex late last night. There was a bullet wound in his right temple. Under his body was a new revolver. The body lay on the side. Life apparently had been extinct since Saturday night.

According to announcement in the Chicago papers, Captain Louis Ostheim and Mrs. Eva Bruce Woods were to be married in this city today, at the residence of the bride's uncle, Walter B. Phillips. After the ceremony Captain Ostheim and his bride were to leave immediately for the East, visiting Philadelphia, the captain's former home, and other cities. After May 1, they were to be at home at Fort Stevens, Savannah, Ga., where the captain's battery is stationed.

Among the articles found in the captain's room were two wedding rings. Captain Ostheim, registered at the Auditorium Annex on Monday, April 2, one week ago today. He seemed to be in excellent health, showed the tan of his Philippine campaign in his face, and was reserved in his manner.

The captain was last seen alive on Saturday night at 9 o'clock when he asked the clerk for the key to his room. When a chambermaid went to his room Sunday morning she found the door locked. This was not unusual, and the girl went about her work in other rooms. Returning to Captain Ostheim's apartment she found the door still locked. Then she reported the circumstances to the clerk. The clerk concluded that the captain was tired and desired a long sleep and made no effort to open the door till last night.

Captain Ostheim was lying on the bed dead. As stated there was a bullet hole in his right temple and under his body was a new revolver.

The cause of the suicide is a mystery. Nothing was left in the room to throw any light on the matter.

The only writing found was the following address on an empty envelope: Miss Clara Ostheim, 1312 North Seventh Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

In the pockets of the captain's clothing were found eight \$20 bills, five \$20 bills, and a check for \$210.

SULZER HAS A PROTEST.

Makes Things Spicy in the Idaho
Riots Investigation.

Washington, April 9.—When the Coeur d'Alene investigation was resumed today Representative Sulzer made an emphatic protest to what he characterized as a "snap judgment" by the majority of the investigating committee.

At the last session the record of the "bull pen," giving the names of those imprisoned, was printed.

The record printed today showed that a newspaper clipping pasted in the book also had been printed, giving a list of ringleaders in the miners' agitation and some 400 who had been indicted. Mr. Sulzer's motion to strike out this matter was lost on a tie vote.

Henry E. Hovey, a business man in the Coeur d'Alene not identified with either faction, was called as a witness to show the neutral sentiment on the trouble. He was objected to, however, on the ground that he was a bitter opponent of miners' unions. His testimony was admitted, and he told of the disturbed conditions over a series of years leading up to the blowing up of the mine. He testified that he knew that members of the miners' union were present when the mill was blown up. He saw and recognized some of the men on their way to the mill. Some of these applied to his store for ammunition. Part of his information was gained while a member of the grand jury.

Satisfactory from Philippines.

Washington, April 9.—The following report of recent developments in the Philippines was received at the war department today from Gen. Otis:

"Manila, April 9.—Gen. Bates just returned from south after placing Fortieth Infantry at Surigao, Cagayan, Iligan, Zamboanga, Davao, Northern Mindanao, and the Jolo archipelago now occupied by troops without firing a shot. Affairs in that section quite satisfactory."

GEN. BRABANT'S
FORCE CUT OFF.That is, So far as London News
from South Africa Tells.

ENGLISH DISHEARTENED.

Effect of Little News on the London
Public—Afternoon Papers in
Sharp Criticism.

London, April 9.—The amazing activity of the Boers southeast and southwest of Bloemfontein continues, the Boer commands seemingly coming and going as wide a region as they please, but taking good care not to throw themselves against strong bodies of the British. The retirement of the Irish rifles from Rouxville to Allval leaves Gen. Brabant without communication with the other British forces.

He has 2,000 or 3,000 colonials, holding a fine defensive country, but he is apparently invested so far as London knows. Telegraph and railroad communication with Bloemfontein are kept up as usual but nothing comes through for public consumption. Lord Roberts' last message was dated April 6, and the last unofficial message bore date of April 7. The absence of news as usual disheartens the people and produces an altogether discouraging effect.

The last unofficial message notes that good spirits at Bloemfontein are continuing on the arrival of animals and two fresh cavalry regiments. Lord Roberts has now 15,000 mounted men altogether.

In the Orange Free State the situation is complex, with scanty material for forming a correct estimate of the situation, and the afternoon newspapers not being in the confidence of the managers, are criticizing the conditions of affairs as they see them. Thus the St.

James Gazette, reviewing the army
system says:

"As a consequence of the foolish, sporting, boyish estimate of the work of the war, Gen. Buller is anchored indefinitely as he must wait for transports until Lord Roberts is adequately supplied."

Capetown, April 9.—Lieut. Gen. Henry Rundle, commander of the eighth division, has been ordered to Kimberley on special duty.

HUNG WITHOUT TRIAL.

How Gen. Funston Disposed of Two
Filipinos.

Manila, April 9, 8:20 a. m.—An interesting topic of conversation in army circles is the investigation of Brig. Gen. Frederick Funston's execution of two Filipinos and the possibility of a court martial resulting therefrom. The story is that the Filipinos captured three Macabebe scouts who were crossing the country near San Isidro and were preparing to kill them when one of the Macabebes escaped and found Gen. Funston with a scout party. This man guided the Americans to the rescue of his companions and when the troops appeared the Filipinos fled, leaving the Macabebes. Several of the Filipinos were shot and Gen. Funston captured two of them, took them to the village square and hanged them without trial, as a warning to the Filipinos.

The present method of warfare and instances of the mutilation of prisoners have incensed the American soldiers to such a degree that they feel justified in making reprisals which has been done on several occasions recently.

There is a strong feeling among the residents and friendly Filipinos that the Chinese general, Pan, who, as announced March 12, surrendered to Brig. Gen. Kobbé after terrorizing the province of Panya, should be severely punished.

It is pointed out that his career has been more that of a brigand than of a soldier, as he looted and extorted money by torture from worthy natives and burned alive some of his followers who intended to desert him.

New York Fire.

New York, April 9.—A fire for which four alarms have been sent in broke out at 2:30 o'clock in the six story apartment house at Washington and Jefferson, at 104 and 106 east 116th street. Owing to a fire at 104th street, the department is badly crippled and the fire is gaining headway.

HOUSE AFTER
LAND GRANTS.Inquiry as to Acreage in Forest
Reserves, for Railways, Etc.

MEXICAN WAR VETERANS.

Act of Jan. 5, 1893, Extended to Pen-
sioners—Agricultural Appro-
priation Bill.

[Afternoon Dispatches.]

Washington, April 9.—Mr. Wilson (Idaho) called up the following resolution of inquiry, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That the secretary of the Interior be requested to inform the House the number of acres now included within forest reserves as belonging to land granted to railroads or other corporations at the time of the creation of such forest reserves; also the amount of land scrip issued therefore; also the amount of existing reserves in contemplation with the amount of railroad grants in proposed reserves, or extensions, and the number of acres located in the forest reserve strip."

Mr. Wilson said the information was desired on a basis for legislation in contemplation by the committee on public lands.

A bill was passed to extend the provisions of the act of January 5, 1893, to all Mexican soldiers pensionable under law.

The House then went into committee of the whole and took up the consideration of the agricultural appropriation bill under an agreement to close general debate at 1 o'clock tomorrow, unless closed sooner by unanimous consent.

Mr. Wadsworth, chairman of the committee on agriculture, briefly explained the provisions of the bill, which carried \$11,500.

IN THE SENATE TODAY.

Hawalian Bill, Government Work,
and Muzzling Dogs Considered.

Washington, April 9.—The bill for the government of Hawaii was passed by the House and presented in the Senate today, and at the request of Mr. Cullom, was ordered printed.

Mr. Cullom said he would not ask for a conference.

Mr. Gallinger, in presenting a petition of the Association of Machinists praying for the repeal of the law which the government navy yards instead of in the hands of private corporations, said he thought the work ought to be done in the navy yards.

A discussion of the muzzling of dogs as a preventive of hydrophobia was precipitated by the presentation by Mr. Gallinger of letters and petitions protesting against the order of the commissioners of the District of Columbia requiring the muzzling of all dogs.

An imperfect attempt was made to fix a time for a vote on the Quays case.

The Indian appropriation was then taken up, the pending question being that the work of the Indian schools be transferred to the War Department.

The amendment for contract Indian schools was defeated, 16 to 30, as follows:

Yea—Bate, Carter, Clark (Mont.), Daniel, Hanchborough, Harts (Jones), Kenney, McLaughlin, Martin, Moxey, Morgan, Pettigrew, Tallaferro, Turley, Vest—16.

ARE HERE FOR BURGLARS.

The Wilson-Mitchell-Lewis Gang Wanted in
Montana.

County Attorney McConnell and Deputy Sheriff McCann here from Helena to get prisoners.

County Attorney I. W. McConnell and Deputy Sheriff McCann of Lewis and Clark county, Montana, arrived in Salt Lake last evening and are here for the purpose of effecting the release of three prisoners in the county jail who will be taken back to Helena, Mont., to answer to the three charges of burglary. The prisoners referred to are Henry Wilson, Little Mitchell and Henry Lewis, who are doing time in the county jail for keeping burglarious tools.

It is remembered that the men were arrested by Detective Sheets, who tracked the woman to the place occupied by the gang and where a "blow" and other burglar implements were found.

The three were tried before Judge Timmony and sentenced to six months in county jail. Descriptions and photos of them were sent by Chief Littleton all over the country, for he believed that they had been operating in Montana, California, Oregon and Washington.

The sheriff of Lewis and Clark counties at Helena, Mont., recognized the outfit, and at once communicated with Chief Littleton, informing him that they had burglarized three residences at Helena.

The officials who are here now will make every effort to secure the release of the gang as they may be taken back to Montana immediately and answer for their crimes.

CHURCH LEADERS MEET.

Hold an Important Session at the
Assembly Hall.

An important meeting of the First Presidency, Council of the Twelve Apostles, presidents of Stakes, Bishops and their counselors, was held in the Assembly Hall, beginning at 10 o'clock this forenoon. President Snow presiding. The meeting was such a rare as this forenoon. President Snow presiding. The meeting was such a rare as this forenoon.

At 1 o'clock this afternoon the First Presidency, Apostles, First Presidencies of seventy, and presidents and representatives of missions held a meeting in the Temple Annex.

TRIUMPH FOR
ANTI-CIGARETTE.United States Supreme Court Ren-
ders a Decision.

CASE CAME FROM CHICAGO.

City Ordinance Against Cigarettes Held
by the Highest Court to be
Constitutional.

[Afternoon Dispatches.]

Washington, April 9.—The United States Supreme court today decided the case of Gundling vs. the City of Chicago, involving the validity of the anti-cigarette ordinance of that city. The ordinance was attacked as unconstitutional.

The opinion by Justice Peckham held the ordinance not to be unconstitutional.

Big Box Company Fire.

New York, April 9.—The Edward T. Smith box factory was destroyed by fire today. The flames spread to adjacent structures and caused a loss estimated at a quarter of a million dollars.

The loss in the box factory is about \$100,000. The wood yard of Geo. W. Piper at Provost and Page streets was destroyed with small buildings containing machinery, loss \$10,000. Other losses are as follows: Post and McCord, the Brooklyn Iron Works, \$50,000; Alexander, Columbia coal yard, \$50,000; Church & Co., soda works, \$10,000; the Brooklyn Oil Works, \$25,000.

Bubonic Plague in Australia.

Perth, Western Australia, April 9.—A man has died of bubonic plague at Fremantle.

Paris Exposition Open on Sundays.

Paris, April 9.—The French authorities have decided that all exhibits at the exposition are to be open to the public on Sundays and United States exhibits are naturally within this regulation, being under cover in buildings erected by the French government over which the United States authorities have no control. The United States pavilion is not within this category, and the question of its being opened or closed on Sunday the French officers have left entirely to Commissioner Peck's desire. He will probably announce today or tomorrow his final decision.

An O'Brien Dead.

London, April 9.—Baron Inchiquin (Edward Donogh O'Brien) is dead. He was born in 1838.

BURNED TO DEATH.

One Man and 42 Horses in a Livery
Barn Fire.

Peru, Ind., April 9.—Fire today destroyed the livery barn of Ward & Co., together with 42 horses, valued at \$8,000. Kelly Gregory, an employee, was burned to death. The fire is supposed to have been of incendiary origin.

British Warships in West Indies.

Kingston, Jamaica, April 9.—News has been received here that the British North American and West Indies squadrons are to be increased by a battleship, two cruisers and several torpedo boats.

WORK 42 HOURS.

Indiana Carpenters Gain Their Point
—No Work on Sunday.

Indianapolis, Ind., April 9.—The men employed in the building trades in Indianapolis were at work today. The union carpenters and the contractors came to an agreement Saturday night. The men are to receive thirty cents an hour for eight hours' work, and half pay extra for overtime and double pay for work done on holidays. The journeymen plumbers association reached an agreement Saturday night under which first class plumbers are to receive \$21 a week and second class men, \$16.50 a week.

Banker Blows His Brains Out.

Oakland, Cal., April 9.—Banker H. H. Pletcher, who has charge of the Livermore Bank in the capacity of manager and cashier, blew his brains out at his Livermore home today.

Pletcher was a trustee of the estate of the late Thomas Varney, deceased, valued at \$600,000. His trust was being investigated in court. Pletcher was to produce his books in court today and testify as to how he handled the bank and the trust. Rather than appear in court he blew his brains out.

Quotest in Kentucky.

Middlesboro, Ky., April 9.—Everything is quiet here today. Sheriff brought over took several prisoners to Middlesboro for safe keeping. Chief of Police King has not appeared and it is not known where he is. A number of special deputy sheriffs have been sworn in and the Republicans say they will be kept as long as they are needed.

The police force is now performing its duties unimpeded. The general opinion is that there will be no further trouble. Deputy Sheriff Cecil, who was shot Saturday night, has suffered amputation of a leg.

Against Selling Islands.

St. Thomas, D. W. I., April 9.—The nation's birthday (Sunday) was observed today at St. Thomas and at other points in the Danish West Indies. There was an outburst of loyalty in Denmark and demonstrations against the sale of the islands.

Other features, there were day and night processions, the people being dressed in the national colors and cheering the king. Telegrams were sent by the inhabitants to the colonial council wishing him many a long and happy life, and expressing the hope that the Danish flag would ever wave over the islands and that they would remain under his auspices. The feeling against the sale of